



**SACEE  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
August 17, 2016**

**Board Members in Attendance: Sonia Marcus, John Noor, Josh O'Conner, Geoffry Habron, Keith McDade, Lael Gray, Mindy Fisher**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Mindy Fisher motioned to approve the minutes as amended, Mr. Keith McDade seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

**2. UPDATES/REPORTS**

**a. Waste Reduction: Mindy Fisher**

Ms. Lael Gray described the organizations that were represented at the Waste Reduction Subcommittee meeting. Members discussed changes to the recycling market and Asheville's recycling process. Ms. Amber Weaver discussed how the subcommittee is working to identify items in the waste stream and considering opportunities for education on waste. In the long run, the committee would like to have a plan for how to continue to reduce waste. The next meeting will discuss population and economic growth and will continue to look at sanitation operations and how to implement PAYT in the City's operations.

**b. Food Policy Action Plan: Nicole Hinebaugh**

Ms. Nicole Hinebaugh explained that the Asheville Buncombe Food Policy Council is still in process of hiring a coordinator and plan to have a coordinator by September 1<sup>st</sup>. The Council also submitted a scope of services for the partnership with the City of Asheville. The partnership will help develop an implementation plan from the Food Policy Action Plan.

**c. Climate Resiliency Planning: John Noor and Amber Weaver**

The City is in the process of creating a Climate Resiliency Plan in partnership with NEMAC. Ms. Amber Weaver provided an update on that process and the type of information that will be assessed. NEMAC is helping to develop a work plan that will work with along with the Comprehensive Plan. The team is also working to consider partners who are not at the table and should be a part of the process. Members discussed visualization tools and SACEE's role in making policies and recommendations.

**d. Comprehensive Plan: Amber Weaver**

Mr. Keith McDade provided an overview of the Advisory Committee meeting. The meeting was a visioning and strategy meeting for the committee, staff and the consultants to work toward a unifying vision. Mr. McDade provided a description of the team and the 17 month-long process. The plan will work to align other plans from City and will have a large public outreach process. Ms. Amber Weaver

also informed members that the team has been considering indicators to include within the Comprehensive Plan and that a survey has been available online to gather public input on the plan.

### **3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **a. SACEE Roadshow: Volunteers Needed**

Mr. Duncan McPherson will report on this topic at the next regular SACEE meeting.

#### **b. Sustainability Indicators**

Mr. Geoffry Habron previously inquired about indicators for the Sustainability Plan and the use of a sustainability decision-making tool. Members discussed the development and use of these indicators and the possibility of creating a decision-making tool.

### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a. Community Partner Conversation: Green Opportunities**

Mr. George Jones provided an overview of the Green Opportunities organization, explaining the services and programs that they provide for the community. Green Opportunities provides training and connects youth and adults to employment opportunities.

### **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Michael Whitmire provided an update concerning a discussion about infill changes from a neighborhood association meeting. Mr. Whitmire is asking that a model of a hypothetical best “green scenario” be considered and asked for support to push that. Members discussed SACEE weighing in on infill and a letter of recommendation for Council when a resolution is created.

### **6. ADJOURN**

**Chair Sonia Marcus adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m. without objection.**